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J. Mad.

I have not

temerity enough to imagine a letter from me can be of any consequence to you, nor yet to flatter my self that turning paper, a sincere tho unhappy friend will not be disagreeable.

You undoubtedly are by this informed of the fatal reason of not receiving a letter from my father, and it is needless for me to tell you that that dear tender parent, that friend whom you so much esteemed is now no more.

Long had he withstood the cruelty of oppressive fortune, but in vain, his constitution was broke by the persecutions of his enemies, and at last yielded up to the dreadful blow, and took from me an instant happiness.

Oh! just Heaven what crime had I committed to deserve so great a punishment. where can I find words that can express the greatness of my anguish the most eloquent description of distress will fall short of the distraction I was in.

No fortune, no friend, and going to a part of the world where I was an entire stranger, nothing but wretchedness and misery before me, and not the least idea of remedy. in short I can not tell you what I suffered in that distracting fatal moment. let it suffice to say, that my resolution already almost lost by so long a series of misfortunes, was incapable of withstanding a stroke, such with my senses quite forsook me and I remained in a manner ignorant of my case for

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almost two days, so that I still was void of that thought which only returned to make me the more sensible of my wretchedness. my spirits were so oppressed at leaving England that I fell into a violent fever of which I was but just recovered when my dear father died and the affliction and perplexity that involved me in, with the dread of an approaching death, sunk me again into a worse condition than I was in before, and my illness continued till I arrived in Maryland which was the twenty eighth of April. but I will not detain you any longer with a recital of my misfortunes which are greater than I can express.

I hope the Capt. and you enjoy your health and Mrs. Dugdale whose concern for my father's troubles obliges me to rank him in the number of my friends. I shall take it as a great favour if you or the Capt. will oblige me with a letter by the next ship which may inform me of the welfare of you and all your friends I have the pleasure to be acquainted with.

Please to direct for me at M<sup>r</sup>. Everts in Annapolis Maryland.

Annapolis  
Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1786

Yours  
D<sup>r</sup>. Mad<sup>m</sup>  
your affect friend  
and much obliged  
servant  
Clementina Lane Esq<sup>r</sup> 1786